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MEMORANDUM FOR: NIC Admin

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SUBJECT: Foreign and Domestic Travel Budget for FY 84

1. A reasonable travel budget for the NIO/EC and the A/NIO/EC would be approximately [] This covers domestic and foreign travel for both officials as well as travel expenditures for consultants. 25X1

2. The NIO and A/NIO for Economics are responsible for global economic issues and for certain regional or country-oriented economic issues of particular scope and importance. Examples of the kinds of issues with which the NIO/EC would be concerned are:

- o International financial stability;
- o Energy markets;
- o East-West economic relations;
- o Industrial and technology competition;
- o Economic performance and debt problems of major groups of LDCs;
- o Economic policy adjustments in industrial countries.

3. Performance of these functions requires considerable travel in order to consult with US government and foreign officials abroad and to tap the vast private sector expertise and judgments. Specifically, domestic and foreign travel will be necessary in preparing for National Intelligence Estimates and other major interagency papers and domestic travel will be needed to discuss drafts of these papers with private sector experts. In addition to interagency estimates, the NIO will have to consult extensively on a wide variety of ad hoc questions with private sector experts on the kinds of issues listed above. Occasionally attendance at domestic or international conferences can be very useful to the NIO or his Assistant in bringing themselves up to date on current thinking on these issues. In some instances it will be more convenient to pay for the travel of outside 25X1

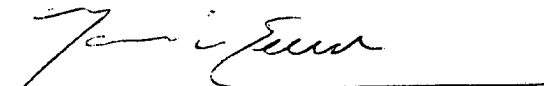
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consultants to Washington, either individually or as part of a broader conference sponsored by CIA, rather than for the NIO himself to travel. Finally, the NIO's special responsibility for providing close intelligence support on major policy initiatives can be expected to require some foreign travel, such as was recently undertaken in support of [REDACTED]

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